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FOR AMBASSADOR

E.O. 11652: GDS

TAGS: ENRG, VE

SUBJECT: BILATERAL ENERGY TALKS: MINISTER HERNANDEZ  
VISIT

REF.: CARACAS 15

1. DURING NOVEMBER MEETING WITH VENEZUELAN TEAM, BOTH  
SIDES TENTATIVELY AGREED TO AIM FOR MINISTERIAL LEVEL  
MEETING DURING LATTER HALF OF JANUARY, SUBJECT TO SUB-  
SEQUENT DEVELOPMENTS (PARTICULARLY PROGRESS OF U.S. ENERGY  
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LEGISLATION) AND FINAL DECISION BY MINISTERS.

2. VENEZUELAN TEAM EXPLICITLY INDICATED DURING THESE  
TALKS THAT ONE OF MINISTER HERNANDEZ' PRIMARY INTERESTS  
AT SUBSEQUENT MEETING WITH SECRETARY SCHLESINGER WOULD BE  
TO OBTAIN OUR ASSESSMENT OF EFFECT OF NEW ENERGY LEGISLA-  
TION ON MARKET FOR VENEZUELAN PETROLEUM IN U.S., PARTICU-

LARLY OVER LONGER TERM, TO ENABLE GOV TO MAKE INFORMED  
JUDGMENT ABOUT INVESTMENTS IN THE PETROLEUM SECTOR.

3. SECRETARY SCHLESINGER STRONGLY BELIEVES PASSAGE OF  
COMPREHENSIVE ENERGY LEGISLATION IS HIS PRIMARY OBJECTIVE  
AT THIS TIME, ONE WHICH MUST HAVE OVERRIDING PRIORITY.

4. FOR THESE REASONS, WE DO NOT BELIEVE A MEETING  
WITH MINISTER HERMANDEZ WILL BE POSSIBLE OR USEFUL  
DURING THE TIMEFRAME SUGGESTED IN REFTEL. HOWEVER, WE  
WOULD BE PREPARED TO SET A FIRM DATE FOR A MINISTERIAL WHEN  
WE HAVE A CLEARER PICTURE OF WHEN ENERGY PACKAGE WILL  
FINALLY EMERGE FROM CONGRESS.

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